

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1803**

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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban  
Development, and Related Agencies  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban  
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Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I request funding for Vermilion Parish Lighting on US Hwy 167 in the fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Vermilion Parish Police Jury, located at 100 N. State Street Suite 200, Abbeville, LA 70510.

The funding would increase the lighting for the 8-mile stretch along US Hwy 167 between the Town of Maurice and the City of Abbeville by installing streetlights along the roadway and illuminating signs alerting the public that they are traveling in the wrong direction. Many of the issues are centered around vehicles traveling in the opposite direction along a one-way stretch of highway. The four-lane road causes issues at times due to the width of the intersections and the lack of lighting in the area. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current lack of lighting is a significant safety concern for this stretch of highway, which was the site of 6 fatalities last year. Increased lighting would directly address the major concerns of that dangerous stretch of highway.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 23 U.S.C. 133(b).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Respectfully,



Member of Congress